

**MINUTES**



6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Call to Order

Salute to the Flag

Open Public Meetings Statement

**Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, as required by said Act, which notice was filed with the County Clerk, posted in the vestibule of the County Courthouse and sent to the Courier Post and South Jersey Times on January 3, 2022 at 12:45 p.m.**

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Konawel	X	
Deputy Director Simmons	X	
Commissioner Jefferson	X	
Commissioner DeSilvio	X	
Commissioner Barnes	X	
Commissioner DiCarlo	X	
Director DiMarco	X	

Changes to the Agenda

Approval of the **July 20, 2022** regular meeting minutes.

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: n/a

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**53979 RESOLUTION TO VACATE ROAD AND ROADWAY EASEMENTS ON PORTIONS OF THE FORMER ALIGNMENT OF COUNTY ROUTE 603 A/K/A BLACKWOOD-BARNSBORO ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIPS OF WASHINGTON AND DEPTFORD.**

**OPEN**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: n/a

**CLOSE**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: n/a

**ADOPT**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: n/a

**Prior to opening the meeting to the public on Agenda items only, Commissioner Konawel commented that there was one page missing on the Agenda that included the added resolution. Clerk Burns corrected Commissioner Konawel advising him that there was a mistake printing and that the agenda copies were not double sided copied.**

**Public portion on agenda items only (time limit of five (5) minutes per person, per public portion).**

**OPEN**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments:

**George Gellenthin, Woodbury** – commented that the meeting should be postponed because there was a problem with the copy of the Agenda.

**Jackie Vigilante, Harrison Township** – commented on the added resolution and press conference held prior to the meeting.

**CLOSE**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: n/a

**RESOLUTIONS**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTOR DIMARCO  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR SIMMONS

**MOTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 53984 SEPARATELY**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel	X		X			
Deputy Director Simmons			X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio		X	X			
Commissioner Barnes			X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

**53980 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE INTO THE 2022 COUNTY BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87.**

**53981 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

**53982 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC, FROM JUNE 6, 2022 TO JUNE 5, 2023, FOR \$42,286.39.**

**53983 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH ELECTION SUPPORT AND SERVICES, INC., FROM JUNE 1, 2022 TO MAY 31, 2023, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00.**

**Motion to approve Resolutions 53980 through 53983 as read.**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

**53984 RESOLUTION TO FREEZE COUNTY SPENDING FOR THE NEXT THREE BUDGET YEARS.**

**Motion to approve Resolution 53984 as read.**

	Motion	Second
Commissioner Konawel		
Deputy Director Simmons	X	
Commissioner Jefferson		
Commissioner DeSilvio		
Commissioner Barnes		X
Commissioner DiCarlo		
Director DiMarco		

**Comments:** Commissioner Konawel commented on his concerns with the aforementioned Resolution and the press conference held prior to the meeting. Discussion ensued amongst the Commissioners. Administrator Bruner advised Commissioner Konawel that if he was concerned that one day the republicans were going to take control of the board, that this resolution could be reversed by the new board. Commissioner Konawel asked that if that was the true then why do a 3-year resolution. Commissioner DeSilvio asked the same question. Administrator Bruner asked if they have been following the national climate, gas prices rising, inflation, a recession coming, housing market, and mortgage rates going up and that they will not be decreased in 3 years. Director DiMarco added that both republican commissioners were in the budget hearings and that they know that the board budgets out for 5 years and the board knows what is available and that they are confident they are able to do this for 3 years. Commissioner Konawel asked again, then why do it for 3 years and not just until the end of the year. Counsel Campo added that they can't do it until the end of the year because the budget is already passed. Commissioner Konawel said that it was a political stunt. Commissioner Jefferson added that was his opinion. Director DiMarco made it clear that he put this Resolution forth now, because departments are preparing their 2023 budgets now and that they needed to be aware of the freeze when preparing their budget. Director DiMarco also told Commissioner Konawel that if he didn't like the resolution that he could

vote no. Commissioner DeSilvio added that it only took him 5 minutes to review budgets from 10 years when the budget was less, we had more employees, and that it didn't make sense, the text says that we were able to attrition 463 positions for a savings of \$31.9 Million but 10 years ago we had 300 more employees, he said the math just doesn't add up. Administrator Bruner advised that was because in 2008, like today, we saw signs in the economy that were going to mess things up for the residents who are the tax payers. So, they started a full attrition program and eliminated 400 some positions since then. In addition to taking on EMS (Emergency Medical Services) new department with new employees. He also advised that salary a wages have only gone up less than 1% over 10 years because of the smart moves, eliminating 40 management positions, shared services programs the attrition program, etc. over the last 15 years. Commissioner Konawel asked if administration was going to take cuts too. Administrator Bruner said we do it every year, we have contracts that we have to honor and that there is no employee that is going to get their contract cut when they have a 3 year, 4 year or 5 year deal. Administrator Bruner also advised that the commissioners (Konawel and DeSilvio) have only been here 7 months and haven't seen a full budget cycle and that some departments budgets go up and some go down each year. Commissioner Konawel, said like the Sheriff's Department who can't hire who he needs or get the equipment that he needs because he has requested that and has been denied. Administrator Bruner advised that no, that was not a true statement. Commissioner Konawel said that the Sheriff will verify that his statement was true and Administrator Bruner said the budget will show that it is not true. Commissioner DeSilvio said that if this is a non-binding resolution why not make it until the end of the year. Administrator Bruner once again advised that the 2022 budget is set and it doesn't effect 2022. Commissioner Konawel said he saw this coming for a year now. Deputy Director Simmons asked why he didn't make such a proposal and Commissioner Konawel said they did, they suggested we make more cuts. Director DiMarco added that they made that statement at budget hearing not the budget meeting. Commissioner DeSilvio made a motion to amend the resolution. Commissioner Konawel seconded. Commissioner Barnes clarified that they were voting a Resolution to amend the resolution to the end year when we already have the budget set.

**MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 53985 TO THE END OF THE YEAR**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel		X	X			
Deputy Director Simmons				X		
Commissioner Jefferson				X		
Commissioner DeSilvio	X		X			
Commissioner Barnes				X		
Commissioner DiCarlo				X		
Director DiMarco				X		

Comments:

After the vote, Commissioner Barnes clarified that this resolution is a commitment by the Board to be proactive in county spending. Commissioner DiCarlo added that the resolution sets the tone for the county departments in their budgeting process and clarified that this resolution does not affect the county's contractual obligations. Commissioner Konawel again voiced his concerns with the last minute add of this resolution. Deputy Director Simmons explained, that this is the Director's agenda and that the Director took the initiative to say this is what's happening in the County and State to the people who are our friends and family and turned to the administration and said this is what I would like to do and how do we make it happen and it was added to the agenda. Commissioner Konawel added that it shouldn't have been done at the last minute.

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel				X		
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio				X		
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: Commissioner Konawel said on behalf of the citizens I vote no. Commissioner DeSilvio said for the reasons he stated earlier he votes no. Director DiMarco said on behalf of the citizens I vote yes.

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
& PUBLIC WORKS**

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR SIMMONS  
COMMISSIONER DICARLO**

**53985 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER 01 TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT WITH JPC GROUP, INC.**

**53986 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH JPC GROUP, INC. FROM AUGUST 3, 2022 TO COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT FOR \$3,584,954.00.**

**53987 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC. FROM AUGUST 3, 2022 TO COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT FOR \$89,324.96.**

**53988 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC. FROM AUGUST 3, 2022 TO COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT FOR \$139,803.05.**

**53989 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN, INC. FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 TO AUGUST 31, 2023 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00.**

**53990 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH GLOUCESTER COUNTY VOCATION-TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INCREASING THE 2022 FUNDING AMOUNT BY \$77,400.00 AND CARRYING FORWARD \$88,990.88 OF 2021 FUNDING, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$463,990.88 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023.**

**53991 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH NINE NONPROFIT AGENCIES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS, FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 TO AUGUST 31, 2023**

**Motion to approve Resolutions 53985 through 53991 as read.**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes			X			
Commissioner DiCarlo		X	X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: Deputy Director Simmons added that she would hope that someone would explain to her why 2 members of this board would vote against controlled spending.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**COMMISSIONER DICARLO  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR SIMMONS**

**53992 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH FEDERAL RESOURCES SUPPLY CO. FOR \$19,300.00.**

**Motion to approve Resolution 53992.**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons		X	X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes			X			
Commissioner DiCarlo	X		X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

**COMMISSIONER JEFFERSON  
COMMISSIONER BARNES**

**53993 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR THE PROVISION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SERVICES.**

**53994 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT RELATIVE TO THE CY 2022 SNAP AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FROM JULY 1, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 FOR \$100,119.00.**

**Motion to approve Resolutions 53993 and 53994 as read.**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons			X			
Commissioner Jefferson	X		X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

DEPARTMENT OF LAW & JUSTICE

COMMISSIONER DESILVIO  
COMMISSIONER KONAWEL

**53995 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE 2022 BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT FUND GRANT IN AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE FUNDING AGENCY.**

**Motion to approve Resolution 53995 as read.**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel		X	X			
Deputy Director Simmons			X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio	X		X			
Commissioner Barnes			X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: Commissioner DeSilvio added that Deputy Director Simmons made the same comment when they voted against the civics operation contract and that he was sure she would have someone write a letter to some newspaper.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, LAND & PROPERTY

COMMISSIONER BARNES  
COMMISSIONER JEFFERSON

**53996 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TRI-M GROUP, LLC FROM MAY 12, 2022 TO MAY 11, 2023 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00.**

**53997 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT FOR FARM PROPERTY OWNED BY CHRISTOPHER PILIGNO AND KATIE PRATT FOR \$111,159.00.**

**53998 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH STEVEN W. BARTELT MAI, MOLINARI & ASSOCIATES P.C., AND T.W. SHEEHAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC, FROM AUGUST 9, 2022 TO AUGUST 8, 2023, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00 EACH.**

**53999 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH H. BARRON IRON WORKS, INC. FOR \$35,920.00.**

**Motion to approve Resolutions 53996 through 53999 as read.**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons			X			
Commissioner Jefferson		X	X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes	X		X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

COMMISSIONER KONAWEL  
COMMISSIONER DESILVIO

Old Business

**New Business**

Commissioner DeSilvio voiced his concerns about not getting an invite to the 4-H Fair Opening Day saying that they sent out invitations back in May and that he found out two days before the event that the Commissioners had a spot there. He would really like to know what happen to the invitations, they were sent out in May via interoffice mail. Deputy Director Simmons stated that the 4-H Fair is not a County event it is a Rutgers Extension Event and that the event was posted on the County website. Commissioner DiCarlo stated that she found out about the event when Michelle Casella came to the meeting in July and invited everyone.

Commissioner Konawel commented on the press conference that was held earlier in the day and that his aide, on his behalf, was discluded from. Administrator Bruner explained that press conferences are not county business and that anyone can hold a press conference regarding anything they want and it is not open to the public if it is a closed press conference. Commissioner Barnes added that nothing this board has jurisdiction over that requires a vote is done until the vote is taken. Discussions continued and Commissioner Barnes moved to open the meeting to the public.

**Public Portion (time limit of five (5) minutes per person)**

**OPEN**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons		X	X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes	X		X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments:

Charles Hughes, Woodbury – commented on the GCL project.

Deputy Director Simmons – suggested that Mr. Hughes speak with the Assemblywoman from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District regarding his concerns with the GCL Project and quiet zones.

Richard Bennet, Washington Township – commented on the landscaping on the county roads and mowing around speed signs, telephone poles, etc. Specifically he was referring to Ogden Station Road. He has commented on why we own a horse park and if it makes any money.

Director DiMarco asked the Director of the GCIA to speak with Mr. Bennet privately after the meeting.

Maureen McCabe, Woodbury Heights – commented on the GCL quiet zones and insurance.

Peter Del Borrello, III, Washington Township – commented on the Salina Road and Delsea Drive intersection.

Assemblywoman, Beth Sawyer – commented on the GCL project and Deputy Director Simmons’ previous statements. She then addressed Commissioner Barnes previous statements. She also added that putting a three-year freeze on a budget is not being responsible to the taxpayers. Discussion ensued between Ms. Sawyer and Commissioner Barnes. Deputy Director Simmons commented that she found it ironic that Beth will talk about her concerns for the taxpayers and taxes and yet she voted against a state budget that reduced taxes.

Steve Sweeney, West Deptford – commented on Assemblywoman Sawyer’s previous statements. Congratulated Director DiMarco on taking the initiative to be proactive in stabilizing the situation in this County. Mr. Sweeney also commented on the GCL project and quiet zones as well on Assemblywoman Sawyer voting no on a State budget that cuts taxes.

George Gellethin, Woodbury – commented on the budget operations.

Anna Janda, Mantua – commented on leadership and the GCL project.

**CLOSE**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

**Adjournment**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Deputy Director Simmons	X		X			
Commissioner Jefferson			X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Barnes		X	X			
Commissioner DiCarlo			X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: N/A

Time: 7:12 p.m.